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## Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR)

### Policy, Rules & Regulations

County of Mathews, Virginia  
Department of Planning and Zoning  
Fee: \$25.00

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STVR Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

STVR Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

STVR: Property Owner 24-hour phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

STVR Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

STVR Agent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

STVR Agent 24-hour phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Purpose Statement:**

This form is to be used to inform the applicant about the rules and regulations for short term vacation rentals (STVR) in Mathews County. This form also ensures that the applicant understands the associated rules and regulations for short term vacation rentals and informs the applicant of penalties as a result of possible violations.

#### **Regulatory Authority:**

Section 175-2.2 of the County of Mathews Zoning Ordinance defines a short-term vacation rental as follows: *"An accommodation for transient guests where, in exchange for compensation, a dwelling is rented for lodging for a period of time not to exceed 30 consecutive days. Such use may or may not include an on-site manager."*

Section 175-15.28 of the County of Mathews Zoning Ordinance governs the establishment of short-term vacation rentals as follows:

- A. No person shall rent, lease, or otherwise exchange for compensation all or any portion of a dwelling unit as a short-term vacation rental without first obtaining a zoning permit and executing a short-term vacation rental use agreement.

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- B. The number of transient guests shall not exceed two (2) persons per bedroom plus two (2) additional persons for each dwelling, subject to the verification of building code and health department compliance.
- C. The owner of a short-term vacation rental shall designate a short-term vacation rental agent on the use agreement. The agent shall be able to respond within two hours of contact from a representative of the County in case problems arise with the property. A property owner may serve as the short-term vacation rental agent.
- D. There shall be no change in the exterior appearance of the short-term vacation rental unit and premises, that would alter its essential character as a dwelling unit.
- E. The use shall not generate noise, glare, fumes, traffic, or fire hazards which would create a nuisance on adjacent properties.
- F. Minimum off-street parking for the short-term vacation rental use shall comply with Article 12 of the Zoning Ordinance. No vehicles, boats or trailers of transient guests shall be parked in a private or public right-of-way in such a manner as to block vehicle access to a property.
- G. Nothing in this section shall limit the County from enforcement of its Code or state or federal regulations.

**Violation and Penalty:**

Any person, firm, or corporation, whether as principal, agent, employed or otherwise, violating, causing, or permitting the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, may be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have hereby read and understand the "Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Policy, Rules & Regulations" and also understand that any violation of the STVR regulations may result in the levying in the levying of fines or other legal remedies as available.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notarized Signature & Date Signed)

County of Mathews

Commonwealth of Virginia

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.